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Summer 2016 Continuing Education Courses

The NSU PT Department is proud to host the International Lymphedema and Wound Training Institute to provide you with unique wound and lymphedema education leading to dual certification as Certified Lymphedema and Wound Therapist (CLWT). This comprehensive course is applicable to all healthcare providers in all settings. Please refer to the [announcement](#) for more information. To register for the course being held at NSU August 15-20, 2016, go to www.ilwti.com and click the register tab. NSU students, faculty, alumni and affiliates will receive a special discount.

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About Our Programs

Nova Southeastern University, Physical Therapy Department offers several exciting opportunities including:

- [Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program \(DPT\)](#)
- [Professional Hybrid Doctor of Physical Therapy Program \(HE-DPT\)](#)
- [Transition Doctor of Physical Therapy Program \(TDPT\)](#)
- [Doctor of Philosophy Program \(Ph.D., PT\)](#)
- [Residencies and Fellowships: Neurologic Residency Program](#)
- [Manual Therapy Certification Program](#)

[Mission Statement](#)

Nova Southeastern University's Department of Physical Therapy prepares professional and post-professional physical therapists with the skills, knowledge and values to effectively practice, educate, lead, and conduct physical therapy education and research in interprofessional environments. The curricula foster clinical inquiry and reasoning, professionalism, and evidence-based practice. The programs facilitate accessibility to physical therapist education through innovative instructional delivery models and promote intellectual curiosity, reflection, and lifelong learning skills. Faculty, students, and alumni actively participate in the profession through scholarship, service, and collaboration, mentoring, and serving those in need of PT services locally, nationally and globally.

[Vision Statement](#)

The vision of the Physical Therapy Programs at Nova Southeastern University is to excel and be nationally recognized for the development of professional and post professional physical therapists who dedicate themselves to the profession and the community through clinical practice, education, research and civic engagement. A foundation will be built upon the principles of best practice, interprofessional collaboration, cultural competence and value-based consumer-centered services. Faculty and graduates will be leaders in the profession locally, nationally and internationally, supporting innovation and access to services across the healthcare continuum.

Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT)

The [Professional Physical Therapy \(DPT\) Program](#) at Nova Southeastern University is the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree that takes 36 months to complete. The Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. The entry level program has been accredited since 1996. For further information, please contact [Dr. Shari Rone-Adams](#).

- [VIP-PT Applicant Access Pass](#)
- [EDPT Program Facts](#)
- [Essential Functions for the DPT Student](#)
- [Process for filing a complaint with CAPTE](#).

Professional Hybrid Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (HE-DPT)

The [Professional Hybrid Level DPT \(HE-DPT\) Program](#) is a flexible program that combines online learning for flexibility and face-to-face learning for instruction and feedback on hands-on skills. The curriculum mirrors the full time P-DPT program at NSU Ft. Lauderdale except that it is completed in 4 years instead of 3. The Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. Students attend classes at the Tampa campus 4-5 days per month. The fourth year of the program consists of full-time clinical internships in a variety of settings. For further information, please contact [Dr. Mary Blackinton](#).

- [Essential Functions for the DPT Student](#)
- [Process for filing a complaint with CAPTE](#).

Transition Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (TDPT)

The [Transition Doctor of Physical Therapy Program](#) is a post-graduate program designed for working physical therapists that want to advance their clinical knowledge and skills to that of the Doctor of Physical Therapy. The T-DPT Program accepted its charter class in June, 2002. This program is delivered primarily online, augmented with on campus sessions once per semester. Physical therapists with either a bachelor's or master's degree are eligible to apply for admittance. For further information, please contact [Dr. Bini Litwin](#).

- [Process for filing a complaint with CAPTE](#).

Doctor of Philosophy Program (Ph.D., PT)

The [Doctor of Philosophy Program](#) is the first Ph.D. in Physical Therapy degree program in the nation that is offered in a distance education format with minimum residence requirement. The Ph.D., PT program is designed for physical therapists whose professional interests include both the aspiration to teach and the commitment to research. This program is for practicing physical therapists that entered the profession through entry-level bachelor-, master-, and doctoral (or T-DPT) degrees. For further information, please contact [Dr. Samuel Cheng](#).

Manual Therapy Certification Program

The Physical Therapy Program of Nova Southeastern University is proud to offer a hybrid (on-line and on campus) manual therapy certification program. On campus courses are offered at the Ft. Lauderdale Campus in the Health Professions Complex, 3200 S. University Dr., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33328.

Please click on the links below for further information on:

- [Program mission and philosophy](#)
- [Course descriptions](#)
- [Course schedule and cost](#)

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